

FARM POLICY ON EUROPE IS BIG SURPRISE

Suggestion America be Represented at Genoa Important Development — Getting Away From Isolation.

HARDING TAKES DIG

By MARK SULLIVAN
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Most of the sputtering fireworks in the farm conference go back to a single episode of the first day's session, which did not consume a minute of time, but since then has taken up a good many hundred hours of individual discussion among the delegates. It was in Harding's opening speech. The speech has been prepared in advance and Harding was reading it word by word. He came to the point where his written speech said: "The whole country has an acute concern with the conditions and problems you are met to consider. It is truly a national interest, and not to be regarded as primarily the concern of a class or a section."

This thrust at the farm bloc in congress is expressive of what seems to be Harding's attitude towards it. He had read a series of recommendations for legislation which was thoroughly agreeable to the farmers, and included most of what they are demanding, and then he took this dig at the agency through which the farmers are trying to bring their demands about.

Similar Action
Harding had done a similar thing in his speech at the opening of congress last month. That address to congress contained a series of recommendations of progressive measure in the interest of the farmer, but at the same time Harding gave a slap on the wrist of persons who are obstructing party solidarity. It is clear that Harding believes in far-reaching measures in aid of the farmers, but that he wants to hold to party government and the maintenance of party discipline.

The bulk of the informal personal discussion of what Harding did on the opening day centered about the question whether the conference in its resolutions should or should not endorse the farm bloc by name. They wanted to endorse the program, but Harding laid down, and they wanted to endorse Harding's action in calling the conference and thank him for it, but when it came to endorsing the farm bloc by name there were several days of acrimonious discussion before they could get to it.

There was never much doubt that the American Farm Bureau federation, which was probably the strongest single element in the conference, wanted to do it, and could do it, if they thought it advisable.

"Steam Roller Charges"

The second cause of insurmountable within the conference hangs about the method by which it was organized. A meeting like this should be organized from the chair or from the floor. This one was organized from the chair.

The dominating personnel of the committee appears to have been picked in advance.

It is probably fair to say that in fixing it there was a certain amount of attention to putting a silence on the more radical and the more irresponsible persons who might turn up.

This is largely what has led to the "Mark Hanna Dominations," and the complaint of "steam roller" methods, like.

Nevertheless, the American Farm Bureau federation, which is by far the biggest and most compact of the farm organizations, and which is the chief backer of the farm bloc in congress, is in pretty complete harmony with the way the conference is being run.

One of the minor commotions has arisen out of the suggestion in some quarters of the conference to advocate as a part of the program a reduction in freight rates, a reduction in the wages of railroad labor.

Gompers Explodes

Such a suggestion naturally sends Samuel Gompers and other representatives of organized labor up in the air. It illustrates the difficulties inherent in a conference which aims to include not only the farmer, but also the other industries, and the other elements in the community who are concerned with the situation in its broader sense.

The farmer wants freight rates reduced. It is almost indispensable to them. When the railroad managers say they can reduce freight rates if they can first reduce wages the farmers are sympathetic. The farmer, in his overalls, sees the railroad conductor as a brass-buttoned autocrat who has regular hours of work, with a secure life-time job and a salary which from the point of view of the farmer at the present time looks princely.

In the largest sense, one of the most interesting and important developments of the conference is the support for the suggestion that America should be fully represented at the Genoa conference and in general a decided sympathy toward greater participation on the part of America in European affairs.

Obvious Approval

One speaker got obvious approval when he said that America ought to be fully represented on the reparations commission. The president of the fifty-million-dollar Farmers' Equity Co-operative Exchange of St. Paul said in his speech, "Europe owes us ten billions of dollars. I believe that Uncle Sam should be represented there; and if I had that much coming, and if you had that much coming from a bunch of debtors, and those

Goes to Berlin



Miss Matilda Houghton.

Miss Matilda Houghton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alanson B. Houghton, of New York, is a pretty and popular member of the younger social circle at Washington. Her father has been chosen by President Harding for the post of ambassador to Germany.

HARVEY AND HERRICK TO TALK TO POINCARE ON GENOA CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Jan. 27.—The conference between George Harvey, the American ambassador to Great Britain, and Premier Poincare, which has been scheduled for today, has been postponed until Monday. Myron T. Herrick, United States ambassador to France, will participate in Monday's meeting.

The meeting is looked upon as unusually important in view of the statement by Mr. Harvey last night that before returning to London he would take the opportunity of making clear to the French government the American viewpoint with regard to the proposed international economic conference at Genoa, as well as the world's financial and economic position generally.

Mr. Harvey may see Mr. Poincare more than once before his departure, and is also planning to confer with as many other representatives of the French government as possible as well as with Myron T. Herrick, American ambassador to France.

The decision of President Harding

to participate by the United States in the Genoa conference is thought to hang largely on the results of these conversations.

ROB MOTOR COMPANY OF \$180,000 AFTER HOLDING UP CLERK

(By Associated Press)
HATTIESBURG, Miss., Jan. 22.—The Girault Motor company of this city was robbed of \$180,000 in bonds and commercial papers early today by two men who held up the night clerk, according to a report to the police.

Grady Bishop, the night clerk, told the police that he was confronted about 2:30 a. m. by two white men at the point of revolvers and forced to open the office cash register.

Locking him in a closet, Bishop said the robbers then forced the safe and pryed open the inner doors.

Officials of the company said that while none of the stocks and bonds was negotiable, some were not listed and might not be easily replaced.

KENYON RECOMMENDS GOVERNMENT RULE OF COAL INDUSTRY

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A government tribunal for regulation of the coal industry under a statutory code of industrial law enforced only by power of public opinion was recommended in a report presented to the senate today by Chairman Kenyon, of the labor committee, which recently investigated disorders in the West Virginia-Kentucky coal fields.

The report held that both coal operators and miners were responsible for the recent fatal conflicts and property destruction in West Virginia and said mutual concessions by the coal operators and United Mine Workers would have to be made to end the conflict.

EIGHT ARE ADMITTED TO FULL CITIZENSHIP

Naturalization proceedings for eight prospective citizens were completed and the newcomers admitted to full citizenship in circuit court Friday morning. The new citizens are: Frederick Kehlbrink, Henry Hackman, Frederick S. Brown, Alfred Anderson, Ernest Dickertman, Joseph Anthony, Henry Nungesser and Hyman Jacobson.

The application of John Suvages was continued till January, 1923, and the cases of Andy Kovacs and John Berlot were dismissed for lack of prosecution.

DECISION ON SHANTUNG IS NEAR, BELIEF

Japanese-Chinese Differences Now Crucial Issue of Arms Conference, Reduced to Narrow Proportions.

IS MATTER OF HOURS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Japanese-Chinese differences over Shantung, now the crucial issue of the arms conference, have been reduced to such narrow proportions that a final decision is believed in conference circles to be only a question of hours.

The arms conference continued to mark time today on the few issues now awaiting final settlement pending the outcome of President Harding's move to bring the Japanese and Chinese together in a complete agreement on the Shantung question.

Although the two groups which now have agreed on every detail involved in the restoration of the former German leasehold to China outside of the troublesome railroad issue, had announced that they would not meet to consider the compromise proposal on that before tomorrow at the earliest, there were known to be important moves under way behind the scenes in Peking, Tokio and Washington.

Confidence Strengthened
The general confidence that these would not result in anything but complete agreement had been strengthened today by the announcement that the Japanese and Chinese representatives would begin tomorrow morning the drafting of a treaty.

Considerable importance was attached today to a lengthy conference between the Chinese delegates last night. Rumors were in circulation that the delegation was divided on the question of accepting the compromise proposal, although these had not been substantiated.

SEE GREAT SAVING IN STANDARDIZATION OF PRODUCTS IN U. S.

PALLADIUM NEWS BUREAU
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Elimination of the economic waste in industry—waste of raw material, labor, money, time and equipment—which was undertaken in this country and carried out on a large scale during the war, is a policy which must be continued if prosperity is to be restored on a permanent basis, in the opinion of Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce.

To that end the department of commerce has been carrying on a very vigorous campaign for the standardization of production at a minimum of economic waste. Departmental officials, it is said, are greatly pleased with the results so far obtained.

The paving brick industry has recently been placed on a simplified basis of production through the activities of the trade organization of brick manufacturers and the division of simplified practice of the department of commerce. A survey of this industry showed there were 66 sizes and varieties of paving brick actually being manufactured and sold. As a result of that survey Secretary Hoover called a conference of the manufacturers, municipal engineers, various associations in the ceramic industry, representing engineers, architects and buyers as well as the manufacturers of bricks.

In a one-day meeting the sizes and styles of paving brick were reduced by mutual consent from 66 to 11. Similar opportunities for standardization in hundreds of lines, and the department of commerce has under way preliminary work for immediate surveys of beds and mattresses, automobile starting and lighting batteries, electrical connection plugs, sewer pipes and a group of commodities suggested by the plumbing committee of the division of housing. Requests for standardization surveys are coming into the department from all branches of trade.

Representative Will R. Wood of Indiana has fired another broadside at the federal trade commission.

Discussing the action of the house committee on appropriating in denying the appropriation for the federal trade commission below the estimate made for it by the budget commission, Representative Wood declared, "There is a very great sentiment in favor of abolishing the federal trade commission."

The dean of the Indiana delegation asserts that the commission is "destroying fair competition and the business of this country," and he says that one man who was appointed a member of the commission resigned from it because he found its activities were being "persecuted to persecution of the business interests of the country."

Representative Griffin, of New York, answered Representative Wood in defense of the commission.

"I cannot feel any sympathy with the gentleman when he tells you that the purpose of the commission is to meddle with business," Griffin said. "It is only working in behalf of the president, of this congress, and of the entire people in endeavoring to prevent unfair competition and profiteering wherever it may exist."

PREMIER COMES BACK

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 27.—Arthur Meighen, former premier of Canada, who was defeated in the general election Dec. 6 in his home constituency of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, has been elected to the house of commons for the federal constituency of Grenville.

Would Help Farmers



J. M. Anderson.

Extension of credit by the government to Europe of one or two billion dollars to enable buying of American agricultural products is advocated by J. M. Anderson of St. Paul, chairman of the agricultural conference now meeting in Washington, as one of the remedies for the present agricultural depression. Only through co-operation with Europe in her efforts to recover can American economic difficulties be settled, Anderson has told the conference.

MUNCIE MAN GIVEN 10 TO 20-YEAR TERM FOR HOLDING UP BANK

(By Associated Press)
MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 27.—Elzo Clevenger, 23, of Muncie, today was sentenced to serve from 10 to 20 years in the Indiana reformatory for robbery in connection with the holdup of the Waverly, Ind., bank several weeks ago. He also was fined \$100 and disfranchised for 10 years.

Rudolph Schonfeld, of Wabash, who admitted holding up the bank with Clevenger, was sentenced from 10 to 20 years in the reformatory, fined \$100 and costs and disfranchised for two years. Sentence, however, was suspended. Schonfeld was placed in the care of an uncle, M. S. Rosenbush, of Columbus.

Judge A. M. Bain, who pronounced sentence, scored the young men for their mode of living, asserting that they had lived too high and beyond their means. The court suspended Schonfeld's sentence following an appeal for clemency by O. W. Smith, prosecuting attorney.

Schonfeld was shot following the bank robbery. The court ruled that Schonfeld could stay with his mother, Mrs. Edith Schonfeld, for a short time, as he has not fully recovered from his injury. Clevenger probably will be taken to the reformatory late today or tomorrow.

HARDING REQUESTS U. S. DEPARTMENTS TO AID UNEMPLOYED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Aid of the war, navy, agriculture, treasury, interior and commerce departments in providing work for the unemployed was requested by President Harding today in a letter addressed to the heads of these departments. The executive suggested that in those six departments, there might be repair and construction work which could be undertaken now when "the difficult period of the winter is still before us," rather than later in the year.

"The response of employing interests throughout the country to the special efforts to afford employment to the greatest possible extent during the winter, has produced highly gratifying results," the president said. "Thanks to this fine co-operation, the situation has been much less difficult during the winter thus far than it might otherwise have been."

GUARD LEAVES NEWPORT, KY.

NEWPORT, Ky., Jan. 27.—Kentucky militiamen on strike duty at the Newport Rolling Mill packed their belongings Thursday to leave for their homes.

Weather Forecast

MOORE'S LOCAL FORECAST.
Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.

Fair and cloudy at intervals is indicated for the next 36 hours, due to a storm over the northwest. This section is on the southwest edge of it.

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau.—Generally fair tonight and Saturday; no change in temperature.

Maximum 30
Minimum 9

Today.
Noon 23
Weather Conditions — Unsettled.

Weather and snow occurred last night over southern Illinois and parts of the Ohio valley. Generally fair weather prevails over the rest of the central states. Moderate temperatures prevail except over the northeast, where it is from 10 to 20 degrees below zero. A general storm is overspreading the far northwest.

Paid Circulation Yesterday, was

11,551

KILL CASHIER; GET \$31,000 CASH, BONDS

Five Bandits Rob Bank in Pittsburgh Suburb. After Slaying Man Who Tries to Defend Institution.

STAGE PISTOL BATTLE

(By Associated Press)
PITTSBURGH, Jan. 27.—Five bandits today robbed the First National bank of Grafton, a suburb, of \$11,000 in money and \$20,000 in Liberty bonds after killing Harold Moss, assistant cashier, who tried to defend the institution.

The men escaped in an automobile, but were intercepted on the North Side by a party of city detectives on their way to the scene of the robbery.

After a spectacular pistol battle the men abandoned their car and sought shelter in a house on Pennsylvania avenue not far from the Fort Wayne yards of the Pennsylvania railroad company. The house was surrounded, but the bandits escaped.

George McCandless, director of public safety, threw a cordon of police around that entire section of the city, with instructions to guard every street and search all houses.

Soon after noon the director reported that two men and a woman, located in the restricted area, had been taken and were being detained for examination.

Huge Avalanche Falls On Entrance of Tunnel

(By Associated Press)
GENEVA, Jan. 27.—A huge avalanche fell last night at the southern entrance of the historic Simplon tunnel, covering the railroad for 50 yards to a depth of several feet. A train from Brieg passed through the tunnel only a few minutes previously.

MENTION HOLLAND CARDINAL AS LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR POPE

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Jan. 27.—With the body of the late Pope Benedict laid away beneath the flagstones of St. Peter's, the interest of the sacred college and the Vatican household turned today to the election of his successor. A conclave has been called for February 2 to choose the new pontiff.

The question of a rapprochement between the church and the Italian government enters into the election. A thorough canvass of opinion in the Vatican shows that the peace party, or those advocating closer relations with the government, are virtually discredited with the inconceivable, or those opposing a rapprochement, in the number of votes each faction can muster. A two-thirds majority is necessary for election.

Twenty-nine cardinals, headed by Cardinal Gasparri, the Camerlengo or acting head of the church, are known to favor continuance of Benedict's policy, which was understood to have been directed toward a resumption of relations with the Quirinal; twenty members of the sacred college are thought to be just as strongly opposed, while nine are classified as neutral.

Attitude Unknown

The attitude of the American cardinals, O'Connell of Boston, and Dougherty, of Philadelphia, is unknown at the Vatican but the opinion is expressed that unless a compromise is reached never has there been such an opportunity for a foreign cardinal to be elected pope. The majority enjoyed by the Italian members of the sacred college is so evenly divided that Vatican officials admit all depends upon the attitude of the foreign cardinals.

The boom for Cardinal Maffi, archbishop of Pisa, who was mentioned as favored by the government appears to be on the decline, while Cardinal Gasparri and Cardinal Archbishop Merry del Val, respectively, leaders of the peace party and the irreconcilables, are acknowledged by their supporters to have little chance of being elected.

Women Admitted

The candidate of the Gasparri party is Cardinal Ratti of Milan, while Merry del Val's faction, after voting for their leader on the first ballot as a test of strength it is understood will switch to Cardinal Laurenti, the newest created member of the sacred college stationed in Rome. Laurenti presided for many years over the Roman Catholic World Missions, and is well known to all the foreign cardinals.

Cardinal Van Rossum of Holland is most prominently mentioned as a neutral candidate, should a deadlock be reached in the conclave. He is 67 years of age and was raised to the purple by Pius X in 1911.

For the first time in history, women will be permitted to be present in the quarters occupied by the conclave. They are Sisters of Mercy who will preside over the destinies of the cardinals' kitchens, which heretofore have been supervised by monks.

Twelve Hundred Miners Strike Against Ruling

(By Associated Press)
TRACY, Tenn., Jan. 27.—Twelve hundred miners in this field were on strike today in protest against the decision of an arbitration board reducing wages about 24 cents on coal mined.

Passed Through City



Vice President Coolidge

Calvin Coolidge, vice-president of the United States, accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, were in Richmond a few minutes Friday morning en route from Washington to Indianapolis, where the vice-president is to deliver an address at the annual banquet of the Indiana editorial association.

Vice-president and Mrs. Coolidge were in one of the rear Pullman cars of a Pennsylvania train and cordially greeted a number of Richmond citizens who boarded the train to pay their respects.

TO ACCEPT COLORED MEN WHO ASK JOBS IN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Lawrence A. Handley said Thursday that colored men would be placed on the fire department if applications of such men were found acceptable.

"I believe it is time the colored people of Richmond were given a place in our official life," he said. "I have worked among colored men in the post office, and I think if they are good enough to cook for us, they should be good enough to fight fires."

The intention of the administration is not to start an entire company of colored firemen, he said, but to replace vacancies as they occur in the department, in the same manner as has been the case in the past.

May Be Vacancies

"When applicants are accepted for duty in the fire department, they are assigned to the particular hose house at which they may be needed," said the mayor. "I understand that the department has a number of vacancies at present, but I do not know how many. I have not talked with the fire chief lately."

"I have an open mind on this subject and am willing to discuss the matter with anyone. At the same time, if anyone wants to make an issue out of this matter, I am ready."

FARMERS ABANDON EIGHT-HOUR REPEAL; UNION LABOR WINS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Union labor won a victory in the national agriculture conference today when that body by a vote of 83 to 64 struck out of a committee report a recommendation for repeal of the Adamson eight-hour law.

Recommendations for the appointment of a commission to formulate a national land policy, including all questions of reclamation and irrigation were adopted today by the conference.

The conference also went on record as opposed to the opening of any more land for farming purposes until normal economic conditions are restored. Immediate stoppage of devastation of forest lands was recommended in the report of the committee on permanent forest policy and adopted by the conference. The report also recommended effective methods of fire prevention, forestry research, and increase in the nation's forest reserves.

WARRANT IS ISSUED FOR PRESIDENT OF NONPARTISAN LEAGUE

(By Associated Press)
FARGO, N. D., Jan. 27.—A warrant has been issued here for the arrest of A. C. Townley, president of the National Non-Partisan league, charging him with implication in the alleged embezzlement of \$3,000 from the Scandinavian American bank of Fargo.

The warrant, which was issued in the Cass county district court, it was learned today, will be served on Townley when he is released next week from the Jackson, Minnesota, jail, where he is serving a 90 day sentence for conviction on a charge of violating the state espionage law.

Honor Former Richmond Girl For Reading Talent

Jeanne Thomas, 11 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Thomas, of Evansville, former residents of this city, has received honorable mention in one of the papers of that city for her talent as a reader. She has appeared at a number of public gatherings since her parents moved to that city last October. The Thomas family formerly lived at 319 North Eighth street, this city. Miss Thomas was a student at the Metropolitan School of Arts and Music at Indianapolis.

COOLIDGE TALK IS AWAITED BY G. O. P. EDITORS

To Speak at Annual Banquet — Senator New, Governor McCray and Daisy Douglas Barr on Program.

RECEPTION IS WARM

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 27.—The attention of the members of the Indiana Editorial association is focused today on the appearance of Vice-President Calvin Coolidge, who will speak at the annual banquet of the association here tonight. Vice-president and Mrs. Coolidge arrived this morning.

Senator Harry S. New, Governor Warren T. McCray and Mrs. Daisy Douglas Barr, of Newcastle, will lend distinction to the speakers' table tonight. Senator James E. Watson, who was to deliver an address tonight, was unable to leave Washington.

The vice-president arrived at 11:15 o'clock and was taken to the home of Senator New, 1142 North Pennsylvania street.

A reception committee of leaders in the party and the Editors' association was at the Union Station to meet the vice-president and his wife. Leading the committee were Governor Warren T. McCray and Senator Harry S. New. Others on the committee were E. M. Wasmuth, Republican state chairman; Frederick E. Schortemeler, Republican state secretary; Joseph B. Keating, Republican national committeeman from Indiana; E. J. Hancock, of Greensburg, president of the Editors' association; J. W. Pierce, Clinton, secretary; George D. Lindsay, Marion, treasurer; George Elliott, Newcastle, and W. O. Feudner, Rushville, members of the executive committee.

At noon they attended a reception at the Marion club to which all Republicans of the city had been invited. Another reception was held at the Columbia club immediately following.

The regular reception committee of the club affiliated, as did also a special committee consisting of Judge A. B. Anderson, Mayor Lew Shank, Judge James A. Collins, Hilton T. Brown, Ernest Brown, Eben H. Wolcott, Arthur E. Bradshaw, John W. McCandless, M. Bert Thurman, Judge Arthur Robinson, Ralph A. Lemche, Mr. Keating, Mr. Wasmuth and Mr. Schortemeler.

Editors' Banquet

The editors' banquet is to start at 6:30 p. m. About 580 guests will be served in the Riley room of the Claypool, and about 225 in the Moorish room. After the dinner is served, those in the Moorish room will go to the Riley room to hear the speeches. The 200 Republican editors here to attend the convention, will be at the banquet with their wives, and the rest of the crowd will be made up largely of Republican leaders of the city and state.

E. J. Hancock will be toastmaster at the banquet. Music for the banquet will be provided by M. Piccolo, of Lake county, formerly a tenor with the Chicago Grand Opera company, and Miss Evelyn Eward, violinist, accompanied by Miss Florine Tillson, both of Greensburg.

Morning Topics

Federal laws requiring circulation of the handling of newspapers in statements from newspapers and government mail were the most interesting topics before the Indiana Republican Editorial association today at the closing of its convention.

John H. Edwards, solicitor general or the postoffice department, who formerly lived at Mitchell, and George B. Lockwood, of Washington, editor of the National Republican, had places on the program. Members of the association were prepared to fire questions at them.

At the forenoon session advertising and job printing questions were on the program.

PAY OFF DEPOSITORS OF DUNKIRK BANK

(By Associated Press)
MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 27.—All depositors of the Citizens State bank at Dunkirk, who asked for their money, were paid off today by the First State bank of that city. The Citizens' bank closed a week ago.

The situation, however, was cleared by the absorption of the institution by the First State bank, which assumed all the liabilities and assets of the Citizens' bank.

Charles W. Camp, state bank commissioner, found that the failure of the Citizens bank was due to "frozen credits," which prevented the institution from obtaining sufficient money with which to take care of depositors' accounts.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES HONOR POPE MONDAY

Requiem mass will be observed in St. Andrew's and St. Mary's Catholic churches Monday morning at 8 o'clock in honor of Pope Benedict XV, who died Sunday morning following a short illness.

St. Andrew's church will hold services on Sunday with sermons at each session by the pastor. On Monday at 8 o'clock will be singing by the choir and following will be "Absolution" and prayer.

St. Mary's will hold a similar program of observance.

DYNAMITE HALTS FIRE

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Jan. 27.—Dynamite was used last night to stop a fire of undetermined origin at Glatt, a settlement near Bluefield. Although practically the entire settlement suffered the loss was estimated at \$50,000.